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A Piping Plover sporting leg bands was found at Conneaut in Ashtabula County on 26 July and persisted through the end of this reporting season. The band combination suggests that it was originally banded in Manistee, Michigan. Lana Hays captured this photograph of the bird on 27 July.
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